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For: APPARATUS HAVING A SPLASH GUARD FOR PREVENTING SPLASHING

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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c) and MPEP 708.02 IV

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The subject application was filed by and is based on the joint invention of two inventors. One inventor, George B. Diamond, is 82 years of age, as averred by the undersigned attorney for applicant, as shown by the enclosed photocopy of the page of Mr. Diamond's passport showing his birthdate. Special handling of the application is therefore requested under Sec. IV of MPEP 708.02

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To the extent that facts are stated herein, they are based upon information supplied to me. I am informed and believe it is true. I further declare that all statements made herein or my own knowledge and are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believe to be true; and further that these statements were mad with the knowledge that willful false statements an the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code an that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing therein.

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